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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/600,510 Confirmation No. : 8644
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Filed : June 23, 2003
TC/A.U. : 1621
Examiner : R.A. KEYS
Docket No. : 038788.52520US
Customer No. : 23911
Title : Process for Producing Fluorine - Containing,
Polymerizable Styrene Monomer and Intermediates
Used in Same

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2004 in the above-identified patent application.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-14, for examination in the instant application in the event the restriction requirement is not withdrawn. This provisional election is made with traverse.

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed because all three of the groups of claims are classified in the same class and subclass, namely class 568, subclass 626. The claims of Groups II and III are indicated in the Office Action to be classified only in this class and subclass. Thus, a search for the claims of Group I, will necessarily cover the same class and subclass in which the claims of Group II and III are classified. It follows that the Office

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Action fails to set forth a satisfactory reason for insisting on restriction, and the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

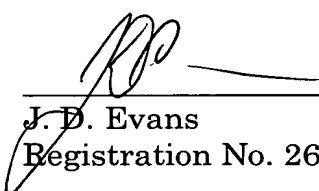
Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at 202-624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038788.52520US).

Respectfully submitted,

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